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Re: **United States Patent Application No. 10/815,826**  
**Inventor(s): Len BALTOIU, et al.**  
**Title: DRILLING FLUID**

**URGENT – Issue Fee due December 25, 2007**

- Encls. 1) Cover letter (in duplicate) re: change in entity status and supplementary fees being paid together with issue fee;  
2) Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (in duplicate)  
3) Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85 (in duplicate)

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**Filed: April 2, 2004**  
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**Inventor(s): Len BALTOIU; Flori BALTOIU; Brent WARREN**  
**Assignee: Q'Max Solutions Inc.**  
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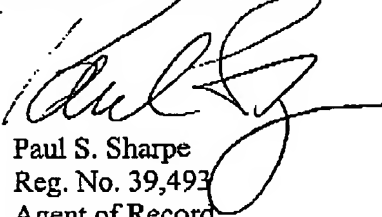
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## Complete if Known

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Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
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Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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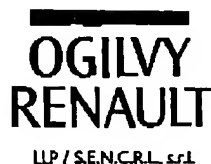
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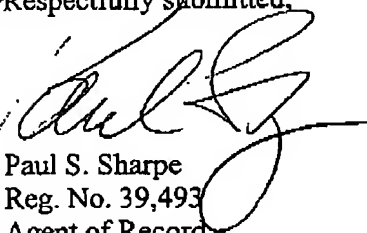
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